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ALABAMA SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS' SYSTEM OFFICIALLY ONLINE; REPORTING MANDATORY AS OF MARCH 1, 2013

(Montgomery, AL) - The Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) announced today that its ALABAMA SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS SYSTEM has completed the testing phase, and that the system will begin receiving specific sales-related information required by Alabama law on March 1, 2013.

Under recent changes to Sections 13A-8-30 through 13A-8-39 of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, secondary metal recyclers are required to register with ACJIC annually and to submit sales-related information to an online database maintained by ACJIC no later than 9:00 p.m. on the day of the purchase transaction. Secondary Metals Recyclers can find more details about the system and its online registration process at <http://scrap.alabama.gov/>

The Alabama Secondary Metals Recyclers System database maintained by ACJIC will collect certain information related to the purchase of metal products, which may then be accessed and used only by properly authorized law enforcement agencies for the purpose of investigating thefts of metal property. Any person releasing or using this data in an unauthorized manner shall be subject to the provisions of Section 13A-10-92 of the *Code of Alabama 1975*.

To date, 175 secondary metals recyclers have registered with ACJIC in compliance with this law. Any person who intentionally violates the requirements of the law shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor for the first offense, a Class A misdemeanor for the second offense, and a Class C felony for a third or subsequent offense within a ten-year period.

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